

Amendments to the Specification:

The paragraph starting at page 6, line 28, is amended and now reads as follows:

-- For fixing the coil spring, for example, in a portable handheld work apparatus 80 (FIG. 24), one end 5 of the coil spring 2 is fixed to a first housing part 81 and a second end 6 of the coil spring 2 is fixed to a second housing part 82. For fixing the coil spring 2 to the housing parts (81, 82) shown in FIG. 24, the plugs (3, 4) each have longitudinal bores 14 which function to accommodate an attachment means. This means can, for example, be a pin projecting into the longitudinal bore 14. However, it can be practical to provide an internal thread on the inner bore 14 and to threadably engage a screw into a plug 3 or 4 for fixing. The first housing part 81 can, for example, be a component connected to the drive motor motor 82 of the work apparatus while the second housing component ~~part~~ 83 can be connected to a handle handle 84 of the work apparatus. --